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EXHIBIT: #VI.B.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: William H. Beardsley, Deputy Commissioner*

DATE: July 13, 2016

SUBJECT: Receipt of the Report of Findings regarding the request of Endicott College to receive degree-granting authorization to offer academic credit programs in the State of Maine

BACKGROUND: On May 26, 2016 under the chairpersonship of Dr. Bruno Hicks, the State Board approved review team interviewed the Endicott College academic administrators by video conference and the Maine Educator's Consortium Director Ms. Donna Cameron by face-to-face. During deliberation, the review team decided that more information was needed from the Endicott College and Maine Educator's Consortium leadership before concluding on a recommendation for the State Board. Dr. Hicks drafted a letter to Endicott College Associate Dean Celli with a copy to Ms. Cameron articulating questions that were raised during the interview and information that was not included in the initial application packet. A conference call was conducted by the review team on June 24, 2016 to discuss if the supplementary materials received on June 20, 2016 from Dean Celli adequately satisfied the initial inquiries to warrant a recommendation to the State Board. After deliberation and further review of Chapter 149, the review team composed the attached Report of Findings with a recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education receives the review team's Report of Findings regarding the Endicott College Application for degree granting authority in the State of Maine.

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